

## **PSSA Rubric for Compositions (Student Version)**

	<b><u>Advanced</u></b> <b>4</b>	<b><u>Proficient</u></b> <b>3</b>	<b><u>Basic</u></b> <b>2</b>	<b><u>Novice</u></b> <b>1</b>
<b><u>Focus</u></b>	You do what the prompt asks. You have a very clear topic relating to the prompt.	You mostly do what the prompt asks. You have a topic but didn't think it out completely.	You do some of what the prompt asks. You have a weakly developed topic.	You have not done what you were asked to do.
<b><u>Content</u></b>	You have many details to support the topic. You have a good development of ideas.	You have added many details to your topic. You must have developed most of your ideas.	You have not added many details to your topic. You have not developed many ideas.	You do not talk much about any ideas. You do not list any ideas.
<b><u>Organization</u></b>	Your information is arranged in a logical sequence. You move smoothly between ideas. You have a clear beginning, middle, and end.	Your information has a good arrangement. You do OK going between ideas. You have a beginning, middle, and an end.	You skip around some in the arrangement. You do not move from one idea to another very clearly. You may have a beginning and middle but no clear end.	You flip from one idea to another. No clear beginning, middle, or end.
<b><u>Style</u></b>	You use a very good variety of words. You use different types and sizes of sentences. You use good voice and tone to the paper.	You vary most of your words. Most of your sentences are different types and sizes. You have good tone and voice in the paper.	You have a poor choice of words. You don't have many different types of sentences. Poor tone or voice.	You do not have many different words. You do not have different types of sentences. You have no tone or voice.
<b><u>Conventions</u></b>	You have proper use of grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.	One or two grammar and spelling errors. One or two errors in capitalization and punctuation.	Run on sentences. Improper grammar. Several errors in spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.	Improper grammar very evident. Many errors in spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.